tion material and placards **40**. Additionally, it is not beyond the scope of the present invention that an energy-powered display light, sound or motion may be used in the display case, and may be placed in any aperture. As one example of such an application a light source may be positioned inside an aperture **38** and a translucent image may be affixed over the aperture **38** to provide a back-lighted display.

The operation and use of the display case of the present invention can be seen and understood by reference to FIGS. **2** through **5**. In FIG. **2**, the case is depicted in a display mode. FIGS. **4** and **5** depict the operational transition to the carrying mode shown in FIG. **3**. The purpose and function of the hinge lines of weakness should be noted. In FIG. **2**, at **20A**, the lines of weakness enable the hinge **18** to collapse upon itself to occupy a minimal space between adjacent panels **12** and **14**, thus enabling the display to have a unified, pleasing appearance. The other hinge **20** is shown expanded at **20B** to illustrate function, but of course, will attain the hinge configuration shown at **20A**. FIG. **5** shows that the hinges may expand as at **20** to allow the case to be closed into the carrying mode shown in FIG. **3**. It will be appreciated that the flexibility of the hinges **18, 20** and the hinge lines of weakness combine to permit either a display of only one section interior, or a sequential display of section interiors, or a generally planar display of all section interiors, as well as display of the section interiors at any angle relative to one another, or complete closure of the display case into its portable or carrying mode.

FIG. **6** illustrates an expanded view of a portion of hinge **20**, viewed from the direction **6—6** of FIG. **3**. A central sequence of elongated perforations **22A** is proximately centered along the edge of section **12**. Parallel lines of weakness are formed along hinge line **22B** and hinge line **22C**, and these parallel lines of weakness may similarly be formed by a sequence of perforations. Hinge lines **22B** and **22C** are approximately in alignment with the respective alignment edges **12/14** and **14/16**. FIG. **7** shows an expanded view of a portion of hinge **20**, viewed along the direction **7—7** of FIG. **3**. In this case, hinge **18** is affixed along one edge to section **14** and along the other edge to section **12**, and perforated hinge line **22A** is contained between sections **14** and **16**. Hinged lines **22B** and **22C** are effectively adjacent one another, to permit a full closure of sections **12, 14** and **16**. When the display case **10** is opened to a flat position as shown in FIG. **4**, it is apparent that hinge **18** permits sufficient flexibility so as to place sections **12** and **14** either immediately adjacent one another, or in a spaced-apart relationship. Similarly, hinge **20** permits sections **14** and **16** to be positioned adjacent one another or in a spaced-apart configuration. It is also apparent that the flexibility of hinges **18** and **20** will permit sections **12** and **16** to become opened beyond 180° to provide an upright display which may be viewed from both sides and from the front. When the display case **10** of FIG. **4** is closed, first section **12** is folded over to align atop section **14**, and then section **16** is folded over to align atop section **12**, as shown in FIG. **4** and FIG. **5**. All the foregoing positions and options may be achieved by the use of a single hinge material construction, which may be manufactured in web form and cut to size to fit particular display cases **10**.

From the preceding description it will be appreciated that the portable display case of the present invention provides for both the convenient, safe transportation of display material and the attractive, convenient presentation of that material.

The present invention may be embodied in other specific forms without departing from the spirit or essential attributes thereof, and it is therefore desired that the present embodiment be considered in all respects as illustrative and not restrictive, reference being made to the appended claims rather than to the foregoing description to indicate the scope of the invention.

What is claimed is:

1. A portable multisectional display case for displaying and transporting information, said case comprising:

a center section having a planar front surface and a first lateral sidewall and a second lateral sidewall;

at least two adjacent sections having planar front surfaces and lateral sidewalls;

a first hinge means connecting said first lateral sidewall of said center section to a lateral sidewall of one of said adjacent sections and a second hinge means connecting said second lateral sidewall of said center section to a lateral sidewall of another adjacent section;

both of said hinge means being formed from a web material having a center line of weakness formed by a series of spaced-apart perforations, and having a parallel line of weakness equally spaced on either side of said center line of weakness, the distance between said parallel lines of weakness being substantially equal to the thickness of said center section lateral sidewall;

said adjacent sections being foldable about said hinge means from a carrying position wherein said two adjacent sections are folded to overlie said center section, and being unfoldable about said hinge means to form a display position wherein said two adjacent sections form a display surface in combination with said center section.

2. The display case defined in claim **1**, wherein said hinge means is flexible about all of said lines of weakness.

3. The display case defined in claim **1**, wherein said display case includes a handle means for carrying said case, affixed to one of said lateral sidewalls.

4. The display case defined in claim **2**, wherein said display case includes securing means for securing the outermost of said sections to one another when said sections are folded into a carrying position.

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